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CURRENT INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES, HYDEN, KENTUCKY

Leslie Co.

This is a 1969 supplement to "Industrial Resources - Hyden, Kentucky" which was published in December 1964.

Population

- Hyden and Leslie County had 1960 populations of 348 and 10,941, respectively. The 1968 estimate for Leslie County was 10,100.

Employment Characteristics

- Total employment in Leslie County averaged 1,035 in 1967 - 307 workers in mining and quarrying, 90 in manufacturing, 238 in government, and 120 in trade and services.
- In Leslie and the four adjoining counties, the total employment for 1967 amounted to more than 25,000 - 1,293 in agriculture, 2,284 in manufacturing, 7,210 in trade and services, and 3,185 in government.

The Manufacturing Economy

- At present, there are two firms in Leslie County which employ a total of 90 workers.
- Total employment in the Leslie County labor supply area in manufacturing is 2,284. Major concentrations are in the fields of lumber and furniture, food, machinery and metal products, and apparel.

Labor Organizations

- The manufacturing workers in Leslie County are not currently unionized.

Labor Supply

- There is a current labor supply of 7,700 men and 9,300 women available for industrial jobs in the Leslie County labor supply area.
- In the next five years, an additional 9,800 men and 9,500 women will become 18 years of age and augment this labor supply.

Income and Sales

- Effective buying income in Leslie County in 1967 was estimated at \$8,049,000 by Sales Management, Survey of Buying Power.
- Effective buying income per household was \$3,659.
- Retail sales for 1967 were estimated at \$6,141,000.

Education

- The Leslie County School System consists of one high school and thirty elementary schools. The budget for 1968-69 is \$1,781,764.48.
- Currently under construction is a 16-room consolidated school (grades 1-8) at Stinnett, with a similar project to begin at Cutshin in early 1969.

Transportation

- Trucking service is provided by Conken Freight Lines, Hazard Express, McDuffee Motor Freight, and Meade Transfer Company.
- Railway freight connections can be made at Hazard, Kentucky - 24 miles away.
- The Hazard-Hyden Bus Line offers service twice daily to Hazard where other connections can be made.
- The nearest commercial airport is in London, Kentucky, which is served four times daily by Piedmont Airlines.
- The new Daniel Boone Parkway, which will run from Bowling Green to Hazard, will pass within 5 miles of Hyden. Also awaiting construction is an access road which will run from Hyden to the Parkway at Thousandsticks.

Power and Fuel

- Electric power is provided by the Kentucky Power Company (subsidiary of the American Electric Power Company) which served 215 customers in Hyden in 1967.
- At present, there are no commercial sources of natural gas in Leslie County. However, there are local gas wells which could be adapted for industrial or commercial use. Liquid petroleum is available from suppliers in Hazard and Helton, Kentucky.

Water and Sewerage

- The new Hyden-Leslie County water system will begin operation in January, 1969, with a plant treatment capacity of 200,000 gallons per day.
- Raw water will be drawn from the Middle Fork of the Kentucky River.
- Treated water will be distributed through lines varying from three to twelve inches in diameter at an average pressure of 50-55 psi.
- Water storage facilities consist of one 76,000-gallon clear well at the treatment plant, one 225,000-gallon underground reservoir, and three 100,000-gallon tanks.
- Also scheduled to begin operation in January, 1969, is the new sewerage treatment plant which will utilize a total aeration system, both primary and secondary.
- The initial design flow will be 46,000 gallons per day with an eventual capacity of 80,000 gpd. The initial number served will be 160 customers but the number is expected to increase to 240 customers by 1990.
- Sewer lines are mostly eight inches in diameter and are separate from the storm sewers. The sewerage rate is 100 percent of the water bill.

Local Government

- The City of Hyden had an income of \$12,940.52 for the 12 months ending November 1, 1968, with expenditures of \$9,319.41 for the same period. The city currently has no bonded indebtedness.
- The bonded indebtedness of Leslie County totaled \$39,000 as of December 4, 1968, in voted and courthouse funding bonds. The county school system reported a bonded indebtedness of \$905,000 as of November 30, 1968.
- The 1967 property tax rates per \$100 of assessed value in Hyden and Leslie County were as follows: County - \$.390; City - \$.250; School - \$.510; State - \$.015.
- The City of Hyden requires an annual business license which ranges from \$25 to \$75.
- City fire protection is provided by a volunteer fire department.
- City police protection is provided by one day patrolman and one night patrolman who use a city-owned cruiser. Leslie County has a full-time sheriff and several part-time deputies who are assisted by a state policeman permanently assigned to Leslie County.
- Garbage collection is by a private collector. Disposal is by land fill. The rate for the twice-weekly collection service is six dollars monthly for both residential and business districts.

Health

- The Frontier Nursing Service operates a 26-bed hospital in Hyden. The hospital also has 12 bassinets and an operating room. The staff includes two doctors, fourteen registered nurses, one registered X-ray technician, one registered pharmacist, and two social service workers.
- The Frontier Nursing Service also operates a number of clinics in the Leslie County area.
- The Leslie County Health Department is located in Hyden. Its staff includes two registered nurses, one sanitarian, two clerk-typists and one auxiliary worker. The 1968-69 budget is \$43,401.31.

Other Local Facilities

- The Leslie County Telephone Company serves 1,875 customers in Leslie County.
- A second-class post office receives and dispatches mail once daily.
- The Leslie County News, which has a circulation of 800, is printed every Thursday.
- Television is received via cables and outside antennae from Bristol, Virginia; Johnson City and Knoxville, Tennessee; and Huntington, West Virginia.
- The Leslie County Public Library contains 10,526 volumes and had a 1967-68 circulation of 10,951. A bookmobile operates five days per week and had a 1967-68 circulation of 87,559.

